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Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Expenditure during 1997-98	Expenditure during 1998-99	Expenditure during 1999-2000
11.	Acquisition of patrol boats	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.	Pollution Control and ENP	0.00	0.00	0.00
13.	Organisation	0.00	0.00	0.00
14.	Procurement of tugs	0.00	0.00	0.00
15.	Repair and maintenance of vessels	0.00	0.00	0.00
16.	Floating river stations	0.00	0.00	0.00
17.	Slipway/Drydocks with marine w/s	0.00	0.00	0.00
18.	Check posts at Karimganj, Dhubri & Namkhana	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub-Total NW-II. New		0.04	0.04	0.35
TOTAL NW-II		2.58	5.83	3.61

Expansion of ITDC Hotels

†282. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) have any proposal to expand its chain of Hotels;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to sell-off some loss making hotels of ITDC;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the names of such Hotels of ITDC, which have utilised 90 percent of their total capacity during the last two years; and

(f) the steps being taken by Government to develop ITDC Hotels in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR):
(a) and (b) ITDC's Annual Plan (2000-2001) does not envisage any new scheme

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for construction of hotels. However, it includes a Plan Outlay of Rs. 15 crores on account of on-going scheme of a 100-room 5-star hotel project at Chandigarh.

(c) and (d) The Government has accepted the recommendations of Disinvestment Commission in regard to ITDC. So far Hotel operations of ITDC are concerned, the main recommendations of the Commission are as under:—

"(i) Hotels situated in prime locations like Delhi and Bangalore may be handed over to established hotel chains through a competitive bidding process to be run on a long term structured contract on lease-cum-management basis.

(ii) Other Hotels may be de-merged into separate corporate identities and the disinvestment in the new companies will be through sale of 100% Government shareholdings in them."

(e) None of ITDC hotels achieved 90% occupancy rate during the last 2 years.

(f) The plan outlay of ITDC for 2000-2001 comprising of Rs. 60 Crores inter-alia includes renovation/improvement in existing Hotels, expansion of facilities in existing Hotels, spill over of new schemes viz. Hotel at Chandigarh, etc.

Excavation of Harappan Civilisation

283. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHADRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three year long excavation of Rakhigarhi in Haryana has unearthed the remains of what could have been the "Provincial Capital" of the Harappan Civilisation in Hissar district;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to preserve the area as a unique historical place and continue the excavation?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Rakhigarhi in Hissar district, Haryana was probably a major urban centre at the eastern edge of the Harappan empire and, could in that sense, be considered a Provincial Capital.